

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A): ~ 21st & 22nd March 2020

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON



St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank
 The Gordon Parish is a supervised, community-led parish ~ Parish Pastoral Council: Mick Winter (Chair), Lin Bowers (Secretary)
 Shane Carey, Frank Simpson, Gabrielle Driscoll, Tim Delaney, Marie Shanahan
 Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney Visiting Priest: Fr Sajan Mathew
 Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0491 601 162
 ✉ gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)
 Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals and Maintenance: contact Parish Secretary ~ Safeguarding Officer: Lin Bowers

PARISH VISION: That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

Parish Finance Council Anita Lidgett (Chair), Stephen Conroy (Secretary), Tony Lynch, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Tony Paarhammer

Parish Schools
St. Brigid's Primary School Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015 www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
St. Patrick's Primary School Principal: Mr Tim Delaney ☎ 5368 9495 www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections:

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$159.65
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$95.00
	Year to date:	\$41,784.58

Vacancy on Parish Pastoral Council

There is still a vacancy for a member from the Springbank community to join the Parish Pastoral Council. If you would like more information, please contact a current member.

Parish Secretary

Unfortunately our new Parish Secretary has resigned due to personal reasons. Debbie finished on Saturday 14th March. We wish to thank Debbie for her help. Natasha has offered to continue in the roll for the Gordon Parish is a smaller capacity until a decision has been made on what is our next step. Thank you to Natasha for helping out in the interim.

Earth Hour

The world's biggest switch off event. People are asked to switch off their lights from 8.30pm-9.30pm on Saturday 28th March.

Church Collections

When masses return to normal the Parish will be running two separate collections. The move to two collections is under the

advisement of the Vicar General to bring us in line with the remainder of the Parishes in our Diocese. You will find the breakdown of the disbursement of funds for the two collections on the website. The Presbytery account will be the first collection which is for the support of the priest. The second collection is for the running of the Parish which also includes your sacrificial giving envelopes.

When masses are back to normal, there will be a member of the Parish Financial Council, who, prior to mass starting, will make a small presentation of explanation.

Sacramental Preparation

Unfortunately due to current events, the scheduled Reconciliation Ceremony that was to be held at St Patrick's Church, Gordon, on Thursday 26th March at 4pm, has been postponed until further notice.

Confirmation/Eucharist Parent Information Night	Thursday 21 st May 7pm St. Brigid's School
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Church Cleaning – March

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Chris and Cathy Mullane	Beth Calleja and Josie Donegan	Sharon and Sue Daly



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree
 Parish Administrator: Fr Sajan Mathew ~ ☎ 5334 0450 ~ C/- Post Office, Bungaree Vic 3352
 ✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

Parish Schools
St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill Acting Principal: Mrs Shelley Ryan ☎ 5334 5280 www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown Acting Principal: Mrs Shelley Ryan ☎ 5334 7604 www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$300.00	Parish: \$519.00
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Victorian Child Safe Standards

These new standards apply to all organisations that provide services for children. Our parish's Child Safety Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct are available on the parish webpage of the diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

Thank You

Thank you to Helen and Maurice Mahar and Tim Bennett for volunteering with BlazeAid to work on fencing in the bushfire areas.

Congratulations

Congratulation to Shelley Ryan on her appointment as Foundation Principal at St. Joseph's – a new primary school in Werribee. Thanks to Shelley for the dedication and skill she has brought to our Parish schools.

Working Bee

A working bee is to be held at the Parish Flat on Saturday, 21st March starting at 8.30 am. Work to include: wash down walls, remove mould, painting preparation and tidy up yard.

READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other
There will be no masses until further notice			

LITURGIES

There will be no masses until further notice

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)				



Anniversaries

Leigh Conroy, Emmanuel Muscat, Martin Spain, Tom Everard, Sarah Molloy, Fran Cooen, Nellie Maude Conroy

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Alice Gardiner, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Jan Quinlan, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgson, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Reg Haintz, Michael Wise, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary, Michael Wise, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment – March:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is a **joyful, hope-filled and servant community**? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church.

Lent Resources

Lent resources are available from the diocesan website. Click on the “Liturgy Resource” tab on front page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Paschal Candles

Sr Kathleen Moran makes church candles available for purchase. Candles can be decorated or plain. The widest available is approximately 76mm, costing about \$50.00 varying according to length and decoration. Altar candles approximately 450mm x 250mm (coloured or white) also available for \$6.00. For more information contact Kathleen ph. 0438812449 or rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au

Easter Cards

Now available for purchase from *Aid to the Church in Need*. Each packet contains 12 Easter cards and envelopes at a cost of \$23.00 for the first packet (includes postage) and \$12.00 for each additional pack. The cards feature the religious paintings of Swiss artist, Bradi Barth and include a bible verse inside. Phone orders: **1800 101 201** or online: www.aidtochurch.org.

Diocesan Religious Education Resource Centre Closure

With the ever-growing demand for office space for the Catholic Education Office, as well as changes in the tenancy of 5 Lyons Street South in 2021, the Bishop has advised that the Diocesan Resource Centre presently housed in the lower floor of this building will close by the end of this year. The Resource Centre has served parishes and schools in the diocese for over forty years and has been a valued repository of books, magazines, CDs and DVDs. Borrowings from the Centre will be available until March 27, after which it will be closed for a month while the collection is moved to a temporary storage area on site. From April 27, the Centre will be open Tuesday mornings only from 9.30am – 1.00pm. Enquiries or urgent borrowings can be directed to resources@ceob.edu.au or ph. 5337 7135. Towards the end of the year resources will be disseminated to parishes and schools, with explanation of this process forthcoming.

Thank you for the support given to the Resource Centre over many years and may these resources find a welcome home in parishes and schools across the diocese. Any further enquiries can be directed to Kate Lawry: klawry@ceob.edu.au.

A LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF VICTORIA

(this is a section of the letter sent out by the Victorian Bishops advising of the immediate suspension of public liturgies)

18 March 2020

Prayerful greetings to the people of God across Victoria, This morning, the Prime Minister announced that non-essential indoor gatherings will be limited to 100 people, and outdoor events of more than 500 people will be disallowed, effective today. Given the seriousness of COVID-19, we support this measure as being responsible and sensible, and we encourage everyone to follow public safety guidelines respectfully. The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have given this prayerful and considered reflection, and have determined the following actions:

- Immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, until further notice.
- All other gatherings are suspended.

For clarification of any concerns, please contact your local diocesan authority. We are very aware that this restriction will be particularly difficult for families who are planning liturgies such as funerals, weddings and baptisms. At this time, so long as appropriate precautions are able to be put in place (such as distancing between participants), it may be possible for these liturgies to proceed with a carefully limited congregation. Deferring these liturgies may also be an option that is offered to families. In light of this, all Catholics in Victoria are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice (canon 1248). We encourage you to continue active participation in the life of the Church, through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> or <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass).